Appointment of members of certain communities in the Sanitary Department.

154. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) With reference to the statements in paragraph 11 of G. O. R. Dis. No. 458 of 25|G.A., dated the 27th April 1925, that "The number of persons recruited from the Ezhava and the Mahomedan communities was very small and none was taken from 'other classes'. The Sanitary Commissioner points out that a list of trained volunteers is maintained in every Sanitary Circle Office and that they are posted in the vacancies of Vaccinators and Conservancy Overseers. It is not known whether the system of entertaining untrained volunteers has been sanctioned by the Government. The Sanitary Commissioner will explain if the system has been sanctioned by the Government and why the representation of Ezhavas, Mahomedans and other classes in the Department is so inadequate", (page 1013 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the necessary explanation regarding this from the Sanitary Commissioner?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the explanation submitted by the officer?

(3) If the answer to part (1) is in the negative, will they be pleased to state the action they have taken against the abovesaid officer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) Government do not consider it expedient to do so.

(3) In view of the answer to part (1) above the question does not arise.

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